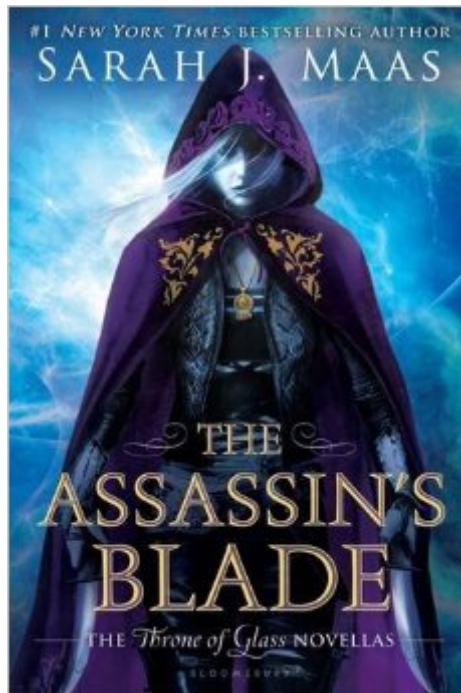


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The Assassin's Blade: The Throne Of Glass Novellas



Synopsis

Celaena Sardothien is Adarlan's most feared assassin. As part of the Assassin's Guild, she's sworn to her master, Arobynn Hamel, yet Celaena listens to no one and trusts only her fellow killer for hire, Sam. In these action-packed prequel novellas to *Throne of Glass*, Celaena embarks on five daring missions. They take her from remote islands to hostile deserts, where she fights to liberate slaves and avenge tyranny. But by acting on her own terms, will Celaena truly free herself from her master, or will she suffer an unimaginable punishment for such treachery? This bind-up features all four of the previously published e-novellas along with a story now available in the US for the first time, *The Assassin and the Healer*.

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Customer Reviews

I would recommend still reading the main novels one and two in the series before reading these novellas, but you **MUST** read these after reading books one and two. With that stated, I was really blown away how enraptured I became in reading about Celaena's past adventures. I thought since I knew how things would end for her that I really wouldn't be able to get too into these novellas and would feel forced to hold myself at a distance so I didn't get too close to any one of the characters knowing what I knew. I was very wrong and I fell in deep as I began to read. I will admit at times I thought Celaena could be a bit of an immature, selfish and very naive girl for growing up as an assassin like she did, but I think that really was just a bit of the growth you needed to see in her life to better understand the woman she became. These novellas did solve some of the mysteries of her

past that were left lingering within the the novels. I would recommend getting the novellas as a bundle as it made it slightly cheaper and you got the feel of it being more of a novel than novella. No cliffhangers but you will want her next adventure right after finishing the first novella. Overall very impressive and well worth every cent spent. Highly recommend this author for a greatly weaved suspenseful fantasy with an outstanding female heroine.

This series is by far my favorite. When I was a little girl, my parents once asked me what I wanted to be when I grew up. Without hesitation, I smiled and said "An assassin!". Which was met with much silence and wide-eyed stares. As an adult, naturally I gravitate towards books with a strong heroine with kick ass killing abilities. I love the main character and I can't get enough of these novellas. I have read each and every single one the day they are released. It's great to have the novellas in this collection. You would be a fool to not read this book! Take the time to step into this amazing world that Sarah J. Maas has created and lose yourself to a world of intrigue and skill!

This review first appeared on happyindulgencebooks.com - Check it out for more reviews! Where a simple act of defiance and moral justice transforms into a web of deceit, betrayal, and death, *The Assassin's Blade* completely blew me away as a prequel to *Throne of Glass*. It all starts from a simple mission which Celaena Sardothien chooses to disobey, leading into her entire livery being crushed before her very eyes and into the bitter, jaded assassin that we know today. The five novellas each cover separate missions: one, to rescue thousands of slaves from a Pirate Lord, to teach a healer how to defend herself, to learn from the Mute Master of Assassins in the desert, to help fight slavery from an evil crime lord and lastly, the assassination that was never going to pan out. In the first story, we see Celaena rescue thousands of slaves from a Pirate Lord, which sets the tone for the rest of the novellas. Celaena's past is one I couldn't tear my eyes from, as the events all lead up to her inevitable imprisonment in Endovier. In *The Assassin's Blade*, we see what shapes Celaena into the person she is today, with her love of finery, cocky confidence, intelligence and mastery of assassination present here. Her master and mentor, Arobynn has taken her in as his protégé and like a cult leader, she doesn't question his decisions. As the King of Assassins, he's given his group board, missions and even gifts in exchange to do his dirty work. One in his position of power cannot be infallible however, as his anger towards Celaena and Sam are enacted throughout the novel. With multiple layers of deceit and trickery, Arobynn's cruelty knows no end as he toys with Celaena and Sam with his influence and missions. Celaena is certainly a kick ass character and we are given some background as to why she holds herself to high standards and

morals. Pampered and entitled as Arobynn's favourite, she has high regard for herself and her master, and she lets everyone know it. She even treats Sam as a competitor ready to swoop into her title, but slowly warms to him across the course of the novel. With all of her morals and penchant to do the right thing, we wonder why she's in her chosen career. The Assassin's Blade demonstrates to us that her love of finery and skill actually allows her to right wrongs against slavery and evil by dispatching the toughest enemies. The romance with Sam is slowly developed over the course of the novel, and we see her slowly regard him as a competitor, to companion, to someone who she truly cares for and loves. With his never ending devotion to Celaena, his honour and power protecting her throughout, he holds on his own against Chaol and Dorian. Having grown up with her, he really does know her the best out of all them. Sam just feels totally right for her, which reinforces my belief that there is no The One out there for us. There are several people who could become them, each with their different things to offer us. The Assassin's Blade is a compelling, in-depth prequel filled with fantasy, romance, action and deceit that fleshes out Celaena's background as Adarlan's Assassin. The author has taken her time to illustrate to us Celaena's relationship with her mentor, her moral high ground, and the protectiveness that her and Sam share. This is a MUST READ for any fans of the series and even as an introduction to the novel. I couldn't put it down, and it's the perfect filler until Reign of Fire is released.

Let's all take a moment and appreciate the gorgeousness of that cover. Gah! It's so beautiful. Anyway, this was a fabulous addition to the series because 1) it gives readers a great insight into Celaena's life before Throne of Glass, 2) it features Sam, and 3) it's the hardback copy of all the novellas (that's like the holy trinity right there). I loved being able to watch Celaena's progression throughout the novellas, and it was better to read them all back to back. Things flowed more and made more sense, at least to me. I loved seeing the truth behind her relationship with Sam, as well as Arbowynn, and exactly what happened to get Celaena sent to Endovier. Each novella is relatively short, so I don't want to go into too much detail. However, this is a must read for any fan of the Throne of Glass series. But, this would also be a great start for new readers that have yet to discover the amazingness of Sarah J. Maas. I highly recommend checking this book out. It won't disappoint! Happy reading :)

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